

REMARKS

By the above actions, the specification and claims 3, 4, 13-15, 19, 24, 31, 33, & 35 have been amended, claims 1, 2, 18 and 32 canceled and replaced by new claims 37-39. In view of these actions and the request for continued examination filed herewith, further consideration of this application is now requested.

The undersigned wishes to thank Examiner Pedder for the time spent discussing his final rejection at a personal interview conducted on January 22, 1994, as well as for subsequently reviewing the undersigned's proposal for converting of the independent claims into claims that define the invention more in terms structure and structural relationships than those finally rejected. At the interview, both the relationship between the elements of the claims and the disclosure as well as the common attributes of all embodiments were explained to the Examiner. While no indication was given as to the patentability of the new claims relative to the prior art, it is understood that these claims should resolve the outstanding issues under section 112.

The amendments to the specification provide antecedent basis for the terms noted by the Examiner to be lacking such. Likewise, the amendments to the claims eliminate the terms found to be ambiguous and indefinite, as well as correcting the antecedent basis problem noted by the Examiner. Accordingly, withdrawal of the outstanding objection and rejection are in order and are now requested.

While the present application is now believed to be in condition for allowance, should the Examiner find some issue to remain unresolved, or should any new issues arise, which could be eliminated through discussions with applicant's representative, then the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone in order that the further prosecution of this application can thereby be expedited.

Respectfully submitted,



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